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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims **54- 69** as follows.

54. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting data via wireless communication methods to a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- b) receiving data via wireless communication methods from a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- c) adapting said data for data communication to and from the portable local communication base unit in a manner such that the base unit can relay the data to and from an external wide area network, and
- d) formatting wherein said data includes a for computer formatted data use and for bi-directional communication.

55. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, further comprising an additional bi-directional wireless radio frequency (RF) communication means link for communication to and from an external wide area communication network, wherein the distance of the link is substantially larger than that in steps (a) and (b).

56. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which ~~said handset unit~~ steps are adapted to is used as a personal digital assistant (PDA) functions in addition to handset communication functions.

57. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit steps are adapted to conventional is a cellular telephone unit functions and operations.

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58. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the handset unit steps ~~is~~ are adapted to communication functions among working with multiple handset units or earset units.

59. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the steps are adapted to communicate with said portable local communication base unit ~~is primarily~~ a portable computer system acting as portable local communication base unit.

60. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit steps are ~~is~~ adapted to function in a manner to access the Internet via the portable local communication base unit.

61. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit steps are ~~is~~ adapted to function as a hands free speakerphone-like operation, wherein a user ~~can look at a display screen while speaking~~ has an option to speak toward a microphone located on the handset unit at a distance from the user's mouth substantially larger than a conventional telephone handset.

62. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) adapting the handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function for wireless data networking with a portable base unit;
- b) transmitting a wireless radio frequency (RF) data to said portable base unit after said adapting the handset unit step;
- c) receiving a wireless radio frequency (RF) data from said portable base unit; and
- d) ~~wherein said adapting handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function~~ ~~step includes~~ configuring said data for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay information to and from an external wide area network.

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63. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, further comprising an additional bi-directional wireless radio frequency (RF) communication function link with an said external wide area communication network.

64. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit steps includes include data configured adapted to data networking functions with one or more other handset units forming a local area network.

65. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which the external wide area network in step (d) is substantially comprised by the Internet.

66. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit steps are is adapted to function as an earset unit.

67. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, further comprising in which said handset unit steps are adapted to incorporating include wireless cellular radio communication functions.

68. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit steps are is adapted to send and receive e-mail via said external wide area network.

69. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit steps are is adapted to include voice or audio communication functions.